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MITCHELL IS FOUND GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT

Jury of Generals Out Only 32 Minutes Before Verdict

NO PENALTY GIVEN

Jury Retires Again to Decide What Will Be Done With Fiery Petrel of Air Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—The jury of generals, trying Colonel William Mitchell, today found him guilty of official misconduct while in office, as was charged by the army department, after a brief deliberation, lasting only 32 minutes.

Colonel Sherman Moreland, judge advocate of the court, said that there was no agreement as to the penalty, and the court closed again to make a formal decision and to fix the penalty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Colonel William Mitchell, in an address made to the court of generals, trying him for alleged misconduct in the army, today closed his case without an argument.

Immediately thereupon, the prosecution counsels, demanded that Mitchell be given immediate "dismissal from the army" as the penalty to be imposed for his alleged misdeeds.

"My trial," Mitchell said, "is the culmination of efforts, having been made for some time by the general staff of the army and the general board of the navy, to depreciate the value of the power of the air department, and to keep it in an auxiliary position, which absolutely compromises our whole system of national defense. To proceed further with the case would serve no useful purpose."

FLORIDAN SAYS LOTS ARE UNDER WATER

A letter just received by an Ashland business man from a friend who is visiting in Florida, says, "Of course you have heard of the big real estate boom here. I am in a city whose 1920 population was less than 30,000. Lots for resident purposed twenty miles from this city are selling from \$7,000 up, mostly up. The corner stakes to these lots are nearly covered in water. There are no streets or other improvements. Business lots are selling as high as \$40,000, and there are sixty thousand real estate agents in this city, one every other door."

ACTIVE FOR YEARS IN CIVIC BUILDING WOMAN DESTITUTE

"They're going to send me down to the poor farm, and I don't want to go there. I've lived more than 80 years without being dependent upon charity and I don't want it now."

Those were the words of a frail, timorous little old woman, who stopped a representative of the Tidings as he was passing her home this morning.

For years, this woman was one of the leaders in many civic enterprises in Ashland. She did much to help in building up her community to its present eminence, and now, "they're going to ship me down to the poor farm."

More than 80 years of age, she resides here with her daughter, a widow. The little old lady needs care, and the daughter is her constant companion. They each receive a widow's pension, and although their income is pitifully small, they have somehow, managed to keep the home together.

WORLD COURT IN SENATE, BORAH IS HARDEST FIGHTER

Idaho Senator Preparing to Again Fight Proposal, With Most of Colleagues Who Waged War on League Idea in Senate During 1919. Declare Court is But an Offspring of League of Nations.

BY PAUL R. MALLON

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—The administration's proposal that this nation adhere to the World Court came before the Senate today under the unanimous consent agreement reached last session.

Supporters of the proposal claimed that far more than the necessary two-thirds of the senate was lined up in favor of the Court but its opponents were prepared to revive the League of Nations issue and a prolonged conflict rivaling the hectic Senate struggle of 1919 was in prospect.

Senator Borah, Idaho, Republican, who stood with three others against the League when debate opened in 1919, was again the standard bearer today of the opponents of the Court which they claim is but an offshoot of the League. Six years ago Borah and his three allies founded down the League defense with their steady attack and the little more than a dozen senators opposed to the Court now plan to repeat that success.

Throughout the summer the present chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee has been preparing his arguments, and he will unleash them as soon as the court advocates have spent their first wind.

FLOWER BILL IS PASSED BY WASH. SENATE

Picking of Rhododendrons Along Highways to be Made Unlawful

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—The Senate today passed a bill prohibiting the picking of the destruction of rhododendrons or other flowering shrubbery which may be growing along the highways of the state.

Senator William Bishop of Jefferson, Clallam and San Juan counties, where the rhododendrons grow in profusion, opposed the measure.

"It would be just as ridiculous as it would be to prohibit the picking of Canadian thistles in Skagit county," he declared.

The bill passed the senate by a vote of 32 to 6.

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"The length of debate depends on how vigorous a fight Borah wages," Senator Swanson, Democrat, Virginia, and author of the world court resolution told the United Press. "The whole thing depends on him."

"I hope that is true," Borah said when informed of Swanson's comment.

Debate is to be opened by Swanson who will review the familiar arguments for the court cited by President Coolidge in his recent annual message to congress asking its ratification.

The suggestion for American adherence first was made by President Harding in his special message to the senate February 24, 1923. With this message Mr. Harding sent a copy of a letter from Secretary of State Hughes suggesting the following four points to protect this country from any involvement with the League:

"1. That such adherence shall not be taken to involve any legal relation on the part of the United States to the League of Nations or the assumption of any obligations by the United States under the covenant of the League of Nations constituting part 1 of the treaty of Versailles.

"2. That the United States shall be permitted to participate through representatives designated for the purpose and upon an equality with the other States, members, respectively, of the council and assembly of the League of Nations, in any and all proceedings of either the council or the assembly for the election of judges or deputy

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Registrations at Local Office Are on Increase

Out of state registrations at the local registration office are more than twice the totals for this time last year, Mrs. J. H. Fuller, in charge of the office, announced this morning.

An average of 20 out-of-state cars have stopped at the local office daily during this month, while the average for December, 1924, was only 19, the figures indicate.

These figures show that the tourist travel is holding up better during the winter months than ever before, indicating that in years to come, tourist travel may continue just as heavy during the winter as during the summer months.

France Having Worst Storm in Ten Years

FRANCE, Dec. 17.—Paris and all of France this morning lay under a mantle of snow. After a brief period of mild weather, the country has been stricken with the worst blizzard it has experienced in 10 years.

The snow is falling intermittently. Traffic is greatly delayed and telegraphic and telephonic communication interrupted.

The weather prophets concur in announcing a continuance of old-fashioned Christmas weather to the despair of the Paris city council, which will be obliged to produce 50,000 francs from its already depleted exchequer to pay for clearing the streets.

THREE ALMOST ESCAPE FROM G. PASS JAIL

Had Torn Bricks From Wall And Were Ready for Break When Found

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 17.—(U. P.) No more will county prisoners

get the privilege of roaming in the corridors of the jail. Three Eugene automobile theft suspects placed in the jail until the Lane county sheriff could arrive, slipped out of their cells when they nearly succeeded in digging their way out through the brick walls of the bastille. They had been turned loose in the jail during the day but were kept in the cages at night. During their brief liberty from the cells they had torn out three tiers of bricks in the jail wall and were awaiting an opportunity to push through the last tier and make their escape.

Deputy Sheriff Bennett on an inspection trip was suspicious and pushed on the place the men had been working and the whole thing fell out. It was a hole that the men could have jumped through had they been given a few minutes of darkness. The wall was repaired yesterday by William Schroeder but Sheriff Hayes has made a New Year's resolution never to take any more chances. The bricks had been torn loose with boards and fire wood.

That the men were "hardboiled" was demonstrated when Sheriff Taylor told them that if they tried anything like that in Eugene they would find a man with a 30-30 waiting for them. One of the men came back at the sheriff with the statement that when they got him they wanted to do a good job as there were more days coming.

QUEEN MOTHER OF ITALY IS VERY ILL

BORDIGNORA, Italy, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Queen Mother Margherita of Italy is suffering from pleurisy, and is in a "critical condition" today. The end is believed to be very near. The Duke of Genoa has rushed her from Turin. The king was still in Rome this morning.

6 MORE SHOPPING DAYS
BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Baby Becomes Dope Addict



"Baby Jack" of Los Angeles is only seven weeks old—but he's a dope fiend. Policewoman Minnie Barton, shown above holding him, was trailing a drug peddler and found the child's mother was an addict. The drug had such a hold on the baby's system that when his mother was deprived of it he suffered intensely. Doctors are trying to find a remedy.

Women, Unable to Walk, Are Buried Alive

GENEVA, Dec. 17.—The report estimates that 3,000 Catholic Chaldeans have been deported from the Mosul-Turkish frontier. It accuses the Turks of violating and slaying Christian women.

All Christians were deported from the village of Merga, north of the provisional line which was fixed at the Brussels conference pending definite demarcation of the frontier.

Five aged women who were unable to keep up with the marching columns are declared to have been buried alive under piles of stones and left to their fate. According to Christians who escaped, those remaining in the Turkish concentration camps are not supplied with food by their captors and are forced to live on acorns.

GIRLS STAGE BENEFIT SHOW ON SATURDAY

Camp Fire Girls to Put on Show to Obtain Funds For Charity Work

Members of the Camp Fire Girls organization in Ashland will give a benefit stunt show at the high school gymnasium on Saturday evening, to raise money with which to carry on Christmas charity work during the holiday season. It was announced this morning.

Each troop will stage some stunt for the program. The program for the entertainment follows:
Opening Address.
Camp Fire Girl Drill.
Indian Legends.
Irish Lilt.
The Morals of Mother.
Grace.
Catty Capers by the Cuto Clowns.
High Jinks.
Yankee Doodle.
Trees.
Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy.
Xmas Carols.
Retreat.

SCIENCE HALL AT CORVALLIS IS DESTROYED

Explosion in Gas Lines Leading into Building Causes \$100,000 Loss

CORVALLIS, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Damage from fire which destroyed a portion of Science Hall on the Oregon Agricultural College campus, was today estimated at approximately \$100,000. It was stated by Thomas Graham, chief of the Corvallis fire department.

Many chemicals were ignited by an explosion in the gas lines leading into the building. Several students narrowly escaped injury. Fireman Walter Backus was knocked down and temporarily blinded by a chemical explosion.

Science Hall was one of the oldest buildings on the campus, and had for years housed the chemistry department of the school. Up until two years ago the school pharmacy was located on the fourth floor of the building, but was recently removed to the new Pharmacy building, which was completed two years ago.

Chemicals and scientific apparatus formed the largest portion of the loss, college officials state.

Hotel Ashland to Have Immense New Electric Sign

The Hotel Ashland has ordered an immense electric sign which will be placed in front of the hotel sometime the early part of 1926, according to E. T. Allen, owner of the hotel.

The sign is of the animated type, and is 14 feet high, flashing in various colors. In order that the sign may be seen as people are entering Ashland from the north and south the sign will be erected on a pole 40 feet high in front of the hotel. It will add considerably to the illumination of Main street and be another link in making Main street brighter.

EARTHQUAKE FELT DUTCH HARBOR, Alaska,
Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—A severe earthquake shock was felt on the Unalaska shore during the night.

Alaska Wants Fisheries Under Territory Heads

PORTLAND, O., Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Fisheries in Alaska want control of Alaska fisheries to be transferred from the federal to the territorial government, according to Dan Sutherland, congressman from Alaska.

Our salmon and other fisheries are of the utmost importance to us," he said. "We think that the salmon fisheries could be operated with the greatest efficiency under territorial control," maintaining the congressman.

Ordnance Head Says Order Made by Comptroller McCarl Damaging

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—A decision of Comptroller-General McCarl that the appropriations of the Bureau of Ordnance could not be used to purchase patents and patent rights is detrimental to the national security and defense, Rear Admiral C. C. Bloch, chief of the Bureau, told Secretary Wilbur in his annual report today.

"For many years it has been the practice of this bureau to purchase patents and patent rights from its general appropriations," Bloch declared. "The changing of this policy of procurement of the sole or limited use of the newest improvements in the equipment of vessels for the Navy appears to be detrimental to the national security and defense."

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RUDY'S WIFE SUES FOR A REPARATION

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Mrs. Rudolph Valentino today began divorce action against her husband in the courts here. Valentino is registered under his natal name of Gagliemini. The divorce papers show the couple were married at Crown Point, Ind., in 1923.

STATE HORTICULTURE BODY OPENS MEDFORD GATHERING

MEDFORD, Dec. 17.—With delegates from all over the coast and with hundreds of local orchardists in attendance the three days session of the State Horticultural association opened at the Elks temple in this city yesterday morning with an address of welcome by Mayor C. C. Alexander and a response by B. W. Johnson, a well known grower of Comice pears from Monroe, Oregon. The meeting is declared to be the largest gathering of exclusively pear growers ever held in this country.

Prefacing his remarks with the idea that his speaking on growing Comice pears to a Rogue River valley audience was similar to "carrying coal to Newcastle," Johnson gave interesting facts, however, on growing the delicate Comice to the large and attentive audience, bringing out new points of interest, such as the desirability of spreading the branches comparatively early during the life of the trees, result-

ADmiral Eberle Says Lack of Funds Keeps Navy Below Par TO MODERNIZE SHIPS

Statutory Limitation on Upkeep of Ships Should be Removed, Is Opinion of Eberle

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Many alterations of military value for the upkeep and improvement of the fleet of the United States Navy have been held in abeyance during the past year due to the lack of sufficient funds. Admiral Edward W. Eberle, chief of Naval Operations told Secretary of the Navy Wilbur today in his annual report.

"It is obvious that the maintenance of the industrial shore establishments in excess of the material needs of the fleet makes heavy inroads on funds," Eberle asserted. "As the fleet itself is the paramount consideration, any expenditure of national funds which does not have a direct bearing on the maintenance of the fleet is unwarranted and should not be incurred."

"It is again recommended that consideration be given to the unsatisfactory effect of the present statutory limit for repairs undertaken on capital ships.

"The cost of work required to keep these battleships in efficient material condition increases with the advancing age of the ships. In the case of the six battleships which are to receive some important items of modernization, it is obviously more important that each ship be brought, as a whole, to the highest practicable state of material condition."

"The present statutory limitation restricts all overhaul expenditures to \$300,000. In the cases of these ships this restriction will not permit the modernization desired. The existing statutory limits were imposed when both labor and material costs were much less than at present. The opinion is expressed that the removal of the statutory limit in cases of battleships with the resultant flexibility will eventually effect increased battle efficiency."

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WILL WORKER STOP NOW NEAR DEATH

TACOMA, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Shot through the chest while on his way to work today, Oscar Johnson, 35, a mill worker, is in a critical condition this afternoon. His assailant escaped, and the motive for the crime is unlearned.

ing in increasing the yield of pears per tree, overcoming the notoriety of the Comice in limiting its offspring.

Mr. Johnson, cited the wine grape industry of California as growing by leaps and bounds since the advent of prohibition, and holds this increase is a measure responsible for the car shortages which exist annually, vitally affecting the perishable fruit industry of the northwest. Interesting figures upon this subject were given. Mr. Johnson stating that "13,000 cars were used in California during 1917 for shipping grapes. By 1923 shipment had risen to over 44,000 cars. During 1925 it is estimated more than 75,000 cars have been used for this purpose. Great additional acreage has been planted to wine grapes and no one can forecast just what the condition will be by 1930 so far as cars are concerned. These cars sometimes

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